(ग) क्या सरकार इस शर्त को समाप्त करने का विचार रखती है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सतपाल महाराज): (क) और (ख) स्वतंत्रता सेनानियों को जारी मानार्थ कार्ड पास प्रारम्भ में एक वर्ष की अवधि के लिए वैध होते हैं, तत्पश्चात् प्रत्येक वर्ष स्वतंत्रता सेनानियों द्वारा पेंशन भुगतान आदेश प्रस्तुत करने पर नवीकरण किया जाता है। यह इसलिए आवश्यक है ताकि वर्ष दर वर्ष के आधार पर गृह मंत्रालय को डेविट करने और स्वतंत्रता सेनानियों की मौजूदा स्थिति का पता लगाने में भी मदद मिल सके।

(ग) जी नहीं।

(घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Rules for issue of free railway passes

840. DR. JAGANNATH MISHRA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any rules for the issue of free railway passes;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of passes issued since July, 1996?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) and (b) Complimentary Card Passes are issued at the personal discretion of the Minister of Railways, to eminent persons and organisations engaged in social, educational and welfare activities of National importance. Besides, cheque passes for specific journeys, are issued in deserving cases with the approval of Minister of Railways or Minister of State of Railways or Members of Railway Board.

(c) Complimentary card passes issued from 01.07.96 to 25.02.97:

(i) Card Pass	—217
(ii) Cheque Pass	—5306

Dismantling of Rail Bridge Across Krishna River

841. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an old rail bridge over the Krishna river near Vijayawada was dismantled on the South Central Railway;

(b) if so, the quantity of steel retrieved; and

(c) the details of the exact resultant financial and commercial gain for the Railway?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Around 5200 metric tonnes.

(c) The steel girders (12 nos) recovered from the Bridge have been sold at Rs.3.00 crore on 'As-is-where-is' basis by calling tenders.

Detachment of First Class Coaches on Trains

842. SHRI JANARDAN YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the trains on which first class coaches were detached during the last four years together with the names of the trains to which A.C. 3-tier coaches were attached during this period; and

(b) the names of the trains to which A.C. 3-tier coaches are proposed to be attached during the year 1997?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) During the last four years First class coach has been withdrawn from the folowing Broad gauge Mail/Express trains (till 31.1.1997):

1. 1005/1006 Vidharbha Express
2. [illegible] Express
3. [illegible]
4. [illegible]
5. [illegible] Express
6. [illegible]